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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**LOS ANGELES REGIONAL WATERSHED
INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING WORKGROUP
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Authorize the Director of Public Works to pay the City of Long Beach \$10,000 as the County's contribution for administrative support services through June 30, 2006, for the Los Angeles Regional Watershed Infrastructure Funding Workgroup.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Los Angeles Regional Watershed Infrastructure Funding Workgroup is comprised of stakeholders working cooperatively to investigate the information needed to support a Countywide voter-approved funding mechanism to finance the construction and maintenance of projects and programs to address stormwater and urban runoff water quality. The stakeholders include cities, municipal and governmental water agencies, building industry associations, environmental organizations, and interested individuals.

The workgroup is developing a plan to detail goals, strategies, projects (structural solutions), programs (nonstructural solutions), and costs to address stormwater quality, while also meeting multiple objectives such as water supply, flood control, recreation, open space, wastewater management, and wildlife habitat restoration. The plan will describe benefits that will be received by communities, public agencies, and other organizations in the County by implementing the proposed projects and programs.

The plan will also describe a stable and long-term funding mechanism to finance in whole or in part projects and programs that provide water quality benefits and reduce pollutant loads to the impaired waters of the County to help meet water quality standards. Additionally, the plan will detail the amount of revenue anticipated from the funding mechanism, why the revenue is necessary, potential sources of matching State and Federal funding, and how the revenue is to be used.

This plan will be a tool to educate the public on the benefits of implementing the proposed projects and programs and why the proposed stable and long-term funding mechanism is necessary to finance those activities. The plan will also be used to seek grant or other funding opportunities when available.

The workgroup consists of a steering committee, the plan development, funding, and the education and outreach subcommittees. The steering committee and subcommittees require administrative support to develop strategies, action plans, agendas, meeting summaries, and presentations. The City of Long Beach, acting as the fiscal agent for this effort, hired a consultant to provide the administrative support services. The following agencies have contributed funds for these services in the amounts shown below. The County's share is \$10,000.

Agency	Contribution
City of Long Beach	\$5,000
City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation	\$10,000
City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power	\$5,000
City of Santa Monica	\$5,000
Coalition for Practical Regulation	\$5,000
Construction Industry Coalition for Water Quality	\$5,000
County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County	\$5,000
Metropolitan Water District	\$5,000
Subtotal:	\$45,000
Los Angeles County's Share	\$10,000
Total:	\$55,000

On September 13, 2005, your Board unanimously approved a Motion requesting the Chief Administrative Office with assistance from the Director of Public Works to provide recommendations on how to best implement a stable and long-term funding mechanism to finance the construction, operations, and maintenance of projects that address water quality and provide other multiple benefits. Though the effort of the Los Angeles Regional Watershed Infrastructure Funding Workgroup began prior to the Board Motion, their effort could provide the information requested by the Board Motion. Public Works will continue to be a lead participant in activities of the workgroup.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County Strategic Plan Goals of Fiscal Responsibility and Community Service as it will provide the initial financial resources to support an effort that has as its objective identifying projects and a funding mechanism to address stormwater quality and other objectives, which will improve the quality of life of the County's residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The \$10,000 contribution is the County's share of the cost of the administrative support services. Sufficient funds for the County's financial commitment are available in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Flood Control District Fund Budget. There will be no impact to the County's General Fund.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Not applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Not applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no impact on current services or projects.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel